



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

FY'05 Homeland Security Grant Update

Many local jurisdictions have called asking about FY'05 Homeland Security Guidance and local applications. Currently SEMA is preparing the overall state application for the FY'05 Homeland Security Grant. This application does not require local input. Decisions on the overall distribution of funds under the six programs have not yet been made. Those decisions and notifications of local input will be made during the next 45-90 days.

For a complete review of the FY'05 grant guidance from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) go to the SEMA website at sema.dps.mo.gov and select Homeland Security Grant Information, then select the link for the FY'05 State Homeland Security Grant Programs – which include the grant guidance and the equipment list. Or you may use this direct link to the FY'05 guidance: sema.dps.mo.gov/HS%202005.htm. While you are on the SEMA homepage you can also see any updates to the FY'04 at sema.dps.mo.gov/HS%202004.htm and FY'03 sema.dps.mo.gov/HS%202003.htm Homeland Security Grant Programs.

EMPG Guidance

As stated in the previous Bulletin (#63), the EMPG performance period will be 30 months, but this is ONLY to align with the other (5) ODP programs that are included in one FY'05 Homeland Security Grant. SEMA will operate the EMPG program on a 12-month performance period (October '04-September '05). The federal budget approved by Homeland Security for EMPG is the same as last year. At this time local jurisdictions should operate under the same policies as last year (1st. quarter claim & Statement of Work are due January 15). In the near future SEMA will submit to the locals their approved budgets for FY'05 and any policy changes occurring because of the consolidation with Homeland Security.

SEMA Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The SEMA Winter 2004 Newsletters (SEMA, Mitigation, MERC and MEPA) are posted to the SEMA homepage at: sema.dps.mo.gov. Some of the featured articles include Earthquake and Spring Awareness campaigns, the Communications and Spring conferences, Special Needs Task Force update and state and local level exercises.

Draft Press Releases/Info on Elderly & Special Needs Posted to Homepage

Seven draft press releases/public service announcements focusing on elderly and special needs populations have been posted to the SEMA homepage. The information focuses on evacuation tips and information for special needs populations (mobility, hearing, visual impaired, elderly citizens and children). The information can be downloaded and working into local public awareness campaigns or used during a disaster response. The link is: sema.dps.mo.gov/empuin.htm then just scroll down to the Elderly and Special Needs headline for the draft press releases.

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 26)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced six Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants.

Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Eastwood (Van Burean) FPD \$54,000; Kingston FD \$135,000; and New Cambria VFD \$40,500.

Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Hematite (Festus) FPD \$167,347; Keytesville FPD \$69,638; and Urbana FPD \$50,080.

These SEMA Classes Are Still Taking Applications

1/10-11/05	Donations Management Workshop	Drury Inn Stadium	Kansas City
1/25-27/05	Debris Management	Drury Inn	Sikeston
2/8-10/05	Principles of Emergency Management		St. Louis
2/23-24/05	Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Governments	Forest Park College	St. Louis

For more information on Training Courses or Programs call Tina at (573) 526-9215.

New NIMS Resource Available Online

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed and posted on its Web page, a template for a basic NIMS Implementation Plan that agencies involved in implementing NIMS can use for planning purposes. Although the template is designed for federal departments and agencies, states and local and tribal agencies may find it useful in guiding their own NIMS implementation process. To download the NIMS Implementation Plan template go to www.fema.gov/nims and click on NIMS Implementation Plan Template.

The sample plan's concept of execution envisions four distinct phases of NIMS adoption. Phase I is initial staff training, including completion of FEMA's independent NIMS and Incident Communications Systems study courses. The second phase involves evaluating plans, policies, and procedures to identify aspects that need to be made compliant with NIMS concepts. The Phase III focuses on the actual modification of emergency response plans, Emergency Operations Plans and other relevant plans, procedures and policies to reflect the adoption of NIMS concepts. Phase IV involves credentialing and certifying personnel and equipment based on NIMS Integration Center standards. There is also a checklist to help track.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!